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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD FORUM ON AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

MERIDIAN, TEXAS, MARCH 11, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development today announced a series of statewide forums to present communities with information on the many programs available from USDA Rural Development. The forums will be open to all current customers, prospective customers, and all other interested individuals and entities.

The forum for Bosque County will be held Thursday, March 24, 2005, 10:00 a.m. at the Civic Center, 309 West River Street, Meridian, Texas. The session will feature a presentation and discussion of all USDA Rural Development programs, in both direct and guaranteed lending opportunities, for rural utilities, community facilities, business and industry, and housing.

“USDA Rural Development is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural Texas, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditionally underserved portions of the population. Through its support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural Texas,” said Daniel.

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities throughout Texas. Through the numerous programs offered by USDA Rural Development, communities can improve the flow of capital to businesses and address the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited. To learn more or to make reservations to attend the forum, please call USDA Rural Development in Hillsboro, Texas, at (254) 582-7328, Ext 4.

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